

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th
March, 2025

"Creating Confident, Curious Learners with God's love"

What a fantastic fortnight it has been, with so many wonderful experiences for your children. On our first day back, we celebrated International Mother Language Day, where we learnt 'Hello' from the 25 mother tongue languages within our school. The results of this day are being prepared to be displayed within our entrance lobby to welcome our school community!

We also have had World Book Day and the Biggest Ever Football session for all girls within the school. Both were a great success—more in this newsletter.

All this, and also the creative and exciting curriculum happening within the classrooms. The corridors has been alive with smells from the soup cooking with year 6, to the pizza making in year 3, plus the numerous WOW cards that have been coming to my office, with classes desperate to share the wow moments happening in class.

What will the next two weeks bring?

Mrs Denison

Links with St John's Church

Many thanks to Father Wim for sharing pancakes with our school community on Shrove Tuesday—they were very much enjoyed by all! On Ash Wednesday, children and staff were offered prayers and ashes. This linked to our worships about Lent and why these happen at this time of year.



Dates for your diary

Spring term 2025

- 11th March—Year 4 Viking Day
- Week beginning 17th March 2025—Book fair in school
- 21st March—Year 4 & 6 School Health Check
- Week beginning 25th March 2025—Y6 Bikeability
- 2nd April 2025—Year 5 Greek Day
- 2nd April 2025—Disco
- 3rd April 2025—Easter Service (Parent welcome)
- 4th April 2025—Last day of term
- 23rd April 2025—Return for Summer term

Parent Support Group

The next coffee morning and chat with Miss Ash will be taking place on 11th March 2025 9-10am. This will continue from last time discussing topics such as transition, anxiety and other areas of interest raised by parents/carers. Please see the e-mail for more information.



Attendance Update...

Our attendance at present is **94.4%**.
We aim to be at or above 96%.

Attendance Matters



Please remember that learning starts by 8.50am. Please ensure your child is in school promptly so that they don't miss this learning time. At 8.55am, your child will be recorded as 'late'. At 9am, the registers close, and your child will be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence'.

Office Updates

Changes to details If there is a change to contact details or medical information, please let the office know. We can then ensure that all of the details that we have on our system are correct.



Preloved uniform sale Whilst the book fair is on, the preloved uniform will be out. Please help yourself to any uniform that is needed, and if you would like to give a donation to the school fundraising account, that would be appreciated.

Healthy lunches Please ensure that the pack lunches provided are healthy. We are seeing many pack lunches with multiple packs of crisps or chocolate items.

Arrival in the morning We are noticing children arriving very early to school, some as early as 8.15am and waiting outside the school with no adult. If your child is walking to school, can you try and aim to get to school no earlier than 8.35am as the gates do not open until 8.45am.

Week beginning 24th February 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Jessica-Rae
Rowan— Lorisa
Chestnut— Mylee
Willow—Albie-Lee
Elm— Bronson
Sycamore— Archie
Maple— James
Oak— Louie



School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech — Amber
Rowan— Stella
Chestnut— Jacob
Willow— Summer
Elm— Tupence
Sycamore— Ronnie
Maple— Alex
Oak— Lilly-Jane

Week beginning 3rd March 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Lucy
Rowan— Jake
Chestnut— Harriet
Willow—Hope
Elm— Kai
Sycamore— Brodie
Maple— Tam Tam
Oak— Grace

School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech — Jadiel
Rowan— Rosie
Chestnut— Willow Belle
Willow— Sophia
Elm— Ruban
Sycamore— Oscar
Maple— Henry
Oak— Isla



It is with sadness that I am informing you that Mr Broad will be leaving us at the end of this term. He is starting his teacher training so that he can become a primary school teacher. His expertise has been invaluable in supporting children both in the classroom and within sport. He will be greatly missed by the whole of the school community. We wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter.



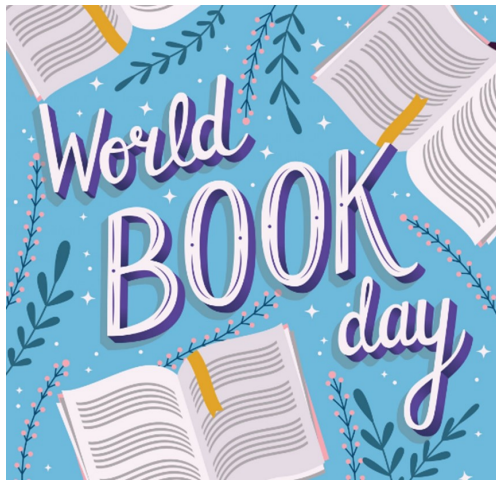
Our school prayer



Dear God

Bless our school so that by working together, playing together and learning together, we may learn to serve you and each other.

Amen



On World Book Day, we all became detectives and tried to solve a crime that had been committed in the school library.

"It was mysterious!"

"We found out things from clues and became detectives for the day."

All of the children firstly had to produce their own warrant card, which gave them access to the crime scene. One in there, they used the reading skills—VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and



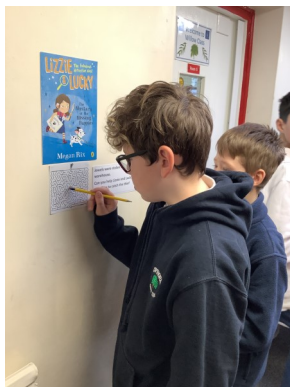
Summary) - to decide what had happened, when, why and by whom. At the end of the day, all classes presented their finding to the rest of the school. It proved, that even when looking at the same clues the explanations were very different.



To gain extra clues, there were problems to solves around the school.

Each had the theme of a detective or crime buster from well known books.

"We had to solve clues for each book which were around the school."



In addition, every class had a stimulus for a detective or mystery story, which the children had to continue. What imagination was shown, and was enjoyed by all.

"It was both exciting and enjoyable writing our detective stories!"



Throughout the whole day, the children (and staff) were animated, excited and enjoying our World Book Day. Thank you to Mrs Corp, our English lead, who put all of the activities together to make this day so successful!

Don't forget the book fair that is coming soon...



Achievements from outside school...



Owen (Elm) was selected to play for Chelsea U10s in the Cobham Cup for Chelsea's Academy. Owen was 1 of only 9 players selected. What a huge achievement, and one to be proud of.

We would like to celebrate your child's achievements and share these on future newsletters. Please email a picture and information to head@copthornejunior.co.uk

100 club

Congratulations to our February winners:

1st P Denison 2nd P Denison
3rd J Broadway-Mann



Sports News...

Football League results from 26th February:

Year 6 Boys Team:

Copthorne v Halsford Park **4 0** Copthorne v West Hoathly **1 0** Copthorne v Crawley Down **4 0**

Year 5/6 Boys Team:

Copthorne v Estcots **2 0** St Peter's v Copthorne **1 3** Crawley Down v Copthorne **1 3**

Well done to all those who played in these league matches.

Indoor Girls Cricket

A massive Well Done to this group of girls who participated fantastically in the County cricket competition. The girls showed brilliant team spirit, determination and improvement throughout. Well done Girls!



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... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

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The girls within our school took part in several fun football activities that tested but improved their dribbling, shooting and passing skills plus were able to participate in small matches within their class. All were enthusiastic and worked hard throughout, Well Done Girls! Thanks must go to Mr Broad, who organised and ran the sessions throughout the day.

"We were trying new football skills through different activities"

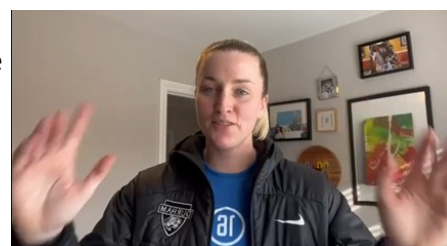
"By working as a team, we used our skills in a match"

Girls of the session:

Thea (Beech), Abigail (Rowan), Freya (Chestnut), Chloe (Willow), Louisa (Elm), Izzy (Sycamore), Millie (Maple) and Florence (Oak)



We also were surprised when we received a personalised message from the professional Women's Championship footballer Dee Bradley, who spoke about the challenges that she had overcome to achieve her goal of playing football full time. Thank you to Mrs Tidy for organizing this.



Wednesday 2nd April

YEARS 3 & 4 5:00PM - 6:00PM
YEARS 5 & 6 6:15PM - 7:15PM

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GLOW STICKS PROVIDED

The cost is £4 per child
 Options for payment:
 Cash in a sealed named envelope handed to the office
 or by bank transfer - Sort code 30-92-38 Account
 number 02333669 with child's name as reference

**Permission form will be sent to you and needs
 to be completed and returned to the school
 office by Friday 28th March as well as payment

Easter

Decoration

Competition

We invite students to create a hanging Easter
 Decoration for our Easter Tree.
 It can be anything Easter themed, any shape and style,
 no bigger than your hand, has to be able hang
 and please label with students name.

**Entries handed into the School
 by the 28th March**
**Winner announced on the
 2nd April**